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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Fumihiko Watanabe et al.

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Serial No.: 09/120,383

Examiner: Unknown

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For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

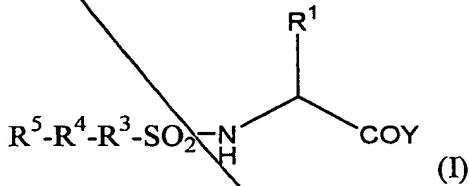
Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed October 22, 1998, please amend the above identified application as follows

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows::

26. (Amended) A compound of the formula I:



wherein R^5 is an optionally substituted phenyl group,
 R^4 is a bond,

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